

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the final office action dated October 16, 2008.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Sezan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,236,395. Sezan discloses an information management system for delivering program content to a consumer electronics device, such as a cable set-top box, a TIVO, etc. As part of that system, Sezan discloses several screens of an electronic programming guide.

Independent claims 1 and 5, as amended, recite the limitation of “each video clip and key frame automatically selected by said personal video recorder by jointly analyzing the frame content, over a plurality of sequential frames, of the respectively associated video recorded on said storage, to which said video clip and said plurality of different key frames respectively belong, together with the frame content, over a plurality of sequential frames, of at least one other video recorded on said storage.” Sezan neither discloses nor suggests this limitation. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner’s rejection of these claims, as well as dependent claims 3, 4 and 7, be withdrawn.

The Examiner argues that Sezan “makes it clear that the invention applies to recorded audio and visual material as well as live audio visual programs.” This is not relevant. The passage to which the Examiner cites only indicates the desirability of storing, on a DVR, only those portions of programs that are of interest to the user. That passage does not disclose that key frames are created from material stored on a DVR. Instead, the key frames of Sezan are inserted by a cable or satellite TV provider and transmitted to a person’s set top box in an ancillary data stream, prior to any opportunity to record a program on an audiovisual device. Moreover, no disclosure in Sezan indicates that, when storing a program, the ancillary data indicating key frames, etc. are also stored on the DVR.

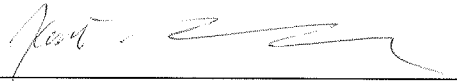
In any event, the applicant’s amendments to the independent claims further distinguish over the prior art, none of which disclose a personal video recorder that analyzes the frame

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content, over a plurality of frames, of recorded video clips so as to automatically select key frames.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-5, and 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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